Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction.)*—Sir, I rise to move for additional allotments of Rs. 1266/-under "20 (2)-Collegiate Education - Scholarships," Rs. 926/-under "20 (3)-Secondary Boys-Scholarships and Stipends," Rs. 511/-under "20 (4)-Secondary Girls-Scholarships and Stipends" and Rs. 231/- under "20 (6)-Primary Girls-Stipends". The purposes of these several additional grants have been explained in the notes for the Standing Finance Committee. They are intended to meet the deficit on account of scholarships and stipends mostly due to the result of the great rush into our schools of pupils of the backward communities. I request that the House may be pleased to grant these additional allotments.

Demands put and carried.

21. Rs. 700/- under "20 (8) - Miscellaneous - Contributions to Medical and Engineering Colleges."

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Sir, I rise again to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 700/- under "20 (8)-Miscellaneous-Contribution to Medical and Engineering Colleges." The purpose of this additional allotment is explained in the note for the Standing Finance Committee. We have made a small provision of Rs. 500 this year, but the actual claim has been found bigger than what was anticipated. An additional allotment of Rs. 700/-has become necessary for this purpose. I request the House be pleased to grant the same.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Was it not anticipated at the time of the budget?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is not possible to say how many of our students were likely to fail. We had provided only a sum of Rs. 500/-. But there has been more than the anticipated number of failures and we have to give under the rules an additional contribution of Rs. 700/-.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—May I know the number of candidates who have failed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Three candidates have failed, one in the pre-registration course, another in the second M. B. and the third in the final M. B. course.

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Motion No. 4.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*— *To omit the allotment of Rs. 700/- under "20 (8) Miscellaneous-Contribution to Medical and Engineering Colleges." (The failed students must bear the extra cost involved.)*

Sir, I move for the omission of Rs. 700/-. My object in tabling this motion is to prevent our Government incurring expenditure which they should not have legitimately avoided. If we give these contributions to the students who fail, it would appear that we are giving a subsidy for failures. This according to me could have been avoided by the Government if they had been more careful in the selection of candidates and selected candidates who will not fail. Scholarships should be given to the best students who are not likely to fail.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— These are not scholarships.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*— It may not be called a scholarship. It tantamounts to a scholarship. It is a privilege given to particular students. Whatever that be, the point of my motion is that the student who failed ought to be made to pay the amount which the Government is asked to pay on account of his failure. The Government should not pay it. The Government at most can help the students by securing seats in the colleges. The Government should not be asked to pay twice over in any case. It ought to be made a condition before a student is given that privilege, that he or his guardian should pay all the extra amounts which the Government would be compelled to pay on account of the failure of the student. I therefore move for the total omission of this amount.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— This amount is not recoverable if it is a first failure. Is it right?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— We have to provide for one failure at least. So provision is made for a free second contribution in the case of students who fail once throughout the course of 5½ years. If they fail a second time they are not given this additional contribution.

Mr. President.—This contribution that we make to the Madras Medical and Engineering Colleges is not to be considered

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ed a scholarship at all. Our State is too small to provide for Engineering and Medical Colleges. Therefore by paying some contribution to the Madras Government we reserve certain number of seats. Personally I think it is very hard to make the students who go there to pay the contribution. We cannot apply this standard to our educational institutions here. Government recover the contribution if a student fails more than once.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Altogether there is provision for two failures, one in the pre-registration course and the other in the proper technical course.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is this provision made for the first failure a recoverable amount?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—This amount is not recoverable.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—A certain amount is paid to the Madras University to reserve certain seats in the Medical and the Engineering Colleges. This amount remains the same if the student does not fail. The moment the student fails this amount will mount up. Now the Government reserves these seats and it is a great help and a great boon to the students who are nominated. I personally think that even in the case of brilliant people a number of failures is possible but what I say is that Government should not be made to pay if the student fails. In such cases the guardians must be made to pay. You cannot make an analogy of a student undergoing training in the Cochin State with a student undergoing training in Madras. You have reserved seats only for two or three students.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—If a student fails in the first year we do not lose a seat.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—It only mounts up the expenditure. That additional expenditure must be made good by the guardian or the Government should not stop with two failures. Why not you provide for a third failure and a fourth failure? It is presumed that these students are tolerably clever. The amount must remain stationery, that is all what we want. It is not possible to anticipate whether a student will fail or not, even in the selection. We are only concerned with the expenditure. We are not concerned with anything else.

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Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri South*).— May I know whether there is not an endowment fund given by the State to the Madras University, about Rs. 20,000?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).— That is for a scholarship.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).— Sir, I am constrained to oppose this motion for the omission of this grant. I find that as far as the seats in the Medical and Engineering Colleges are concerned, very great difficulty was felt by Cochinites in procuring admission. It was after repeated attempts made by this House in that behalf that our Government was pleased to reserve two seats in the Medical College and two seats in the Engineering College on payment of a very high amount of Rs. 1000 in the case of the Medical College and Rs. 800 in the case of the Engineering College. I also understand that when students are selected an agreement is taken from them along with the gurdians for refunding to the Government of Cochin an amount equal to the fee payable by the students joining the College, both Medical and Engineering. The student selected by the Government has not to pay any fees to the Mrdras Government. Out of the Rs. 1000 Rs. 200 alone is recovered, the balance of Rs. 800 the Government spends. Now the amount under discussion is for the payment to the Government on account of the failure of the student for the first time either in the pre-registration course or in the regular course. I understand from the Hon'ble Member for Education that there is a provision for failure once in the pre-registration course and failure once again in the four years' course. I submit that even this is not sufficient. I would say that there must be provision for one failure in each of the four classes. There must be provision for failure for 5 years because it has been stated that such provision, that even the provision under discussion is holding up a premium for failures. Nobody would say that a premium for failure is attempted and procured as a matter of luxury but it comes on the student out of various contingencies. You cannot for a moment say that a student seeking admission in the far off Medical College would ordinarily while away his time in other occupations and thus procure for himself a failure. It is out of circumstances beyond his control that failures do occur and to provide for one failure in each class is not much. The Government must be gracious enough to extend that privilege to the student.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—As a matter of fact even if the student fails a second time we don't recover the contribution we pay. We recover from him an amount for the college fees.

Mr. President.—For reserving a seat in the Medical College we pay Rs. 1000/-. The student is admitted into the College. The student pays Rs. 200 a year as fees. That is all we get from the student. Rs. 800 will be spent by Government. Suppose that student fails then we won't lose the seat, another person being admitted. We make him pay the fees.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Don't you pay Rs. 800 more?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—No.

Mr. President.—What is the exact position of a student who fails? You said you don't make a contribution.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—We pay a practical contribution.

Mr. President.—I think we do not know all the facts. Whatever it is, so far as this Rs. 700 is concerned, I would suggest to the Hon'ble Member that it will not be proper for him to press the motion, for the reason that the selection of the candidates was made by agreement. Even if this motion is passed we won't be able to recover any amount from the students. The question whether in the case of future students we should recover such amounts has to be considered. I would suggest that this question may be discussed at the time of the budget.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is a contribution on account of additional cost. It is not Rs. 1000 contribution to be made. It is a smaller contribution. It is only Rs. 500 at the highest.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—I perfectly agree with the position taken up by the President. We cannot in any way interfere with the contracts already entered into. In the light of the observation made by the President I do not press this motion. It may be considered at the proper time.

Mr. President.—The Director of Public Instruction will make a complete statement to be circulated among the Hon'ble

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Members giving the exact position of the students in the Medical and Engineering Colleges regarding the contribution, fees, etc.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Demand put and carried.

22. Rs. 1000 under "25 Public Health—A. (3) Rural Sanitation—Supplies and Services —Charges for Prevention of Epidemics."

Captain A. R. Poduval (*Director of Public Health and Panchayats*).—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1000 under "25—Public Health—A (3)—Rural Sanitation—Supplies and Services—Charges for Prevention of Epidemics." I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Demand put and carried.

23. Rs. 550 under "25 Public Health—A (3) Rural Sanitation—Ordinary T. A."

Captain A. R. Poduval (*Director of Public Health and Panchayats*).—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 550 under "25—Public Health A (3)—Rural Sanitation—Ordinary T. A." I request the House may be pleased to grant this allotment.

Demand put and carried.

24. Rs. 1,00,000 under "29 A. Civil Engineering B. O."

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,00,000 under "29—A—Civil Engineering." The necessity for, this additional allotment is for completing the construction of the Guest House now under progress. The original allotment under this item in the Budget was only Rs. 50,000, and the estimates prepared for this work comes to about Rs. 2,45,000. It is necessary to complete this work as early as possible and we will have to spent about 1,50,000 this year. We have already provision for Rs. 50,000 this year and so I request that an additional allotment of Rs. 1,00,000 may be granted.

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